

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Status Report of Phase II in Laos

Vang Pao's new diversionary operation (Phase II) is getting underway, though hampered by morale problems. Two Group Mobiles which were balking at going to Bouam Long were addressed by Vang Pao and the FAR Commander-in-Chief with moderate success on 15 March.

As of 16 March Task Force Alpha at Bouam Long would have 1,800 men as it began its move south toward Route 7. The helilift of TF Bravo to the area northeast of Xieng Khouangville was underway with 560 men arriving on the sixteenth. Another battalion is scheduled to move today.

A map of the operation is attached.

Attachment

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